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Maxwell rebuff

Three institutional shareholders of the John Waddington games manufacturer have withdrawn their acceptances.

Walesa chaired

Lech Walesa was carried on the shoulders of chanting supporters after a stormy meeting at the Gdansk shipyard.

Murder charge

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Beirut blasts

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Trudeau in peril

Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, is facing a clamour from his Liberal Party backbenchers for his resignation.

Scientific talks

The meetings of the British Association for the Advancement of Science are reported on page 2.

Football trio

Scotland want to invite a leading world football country to take part in a three-cornered tournament with England.

British gold

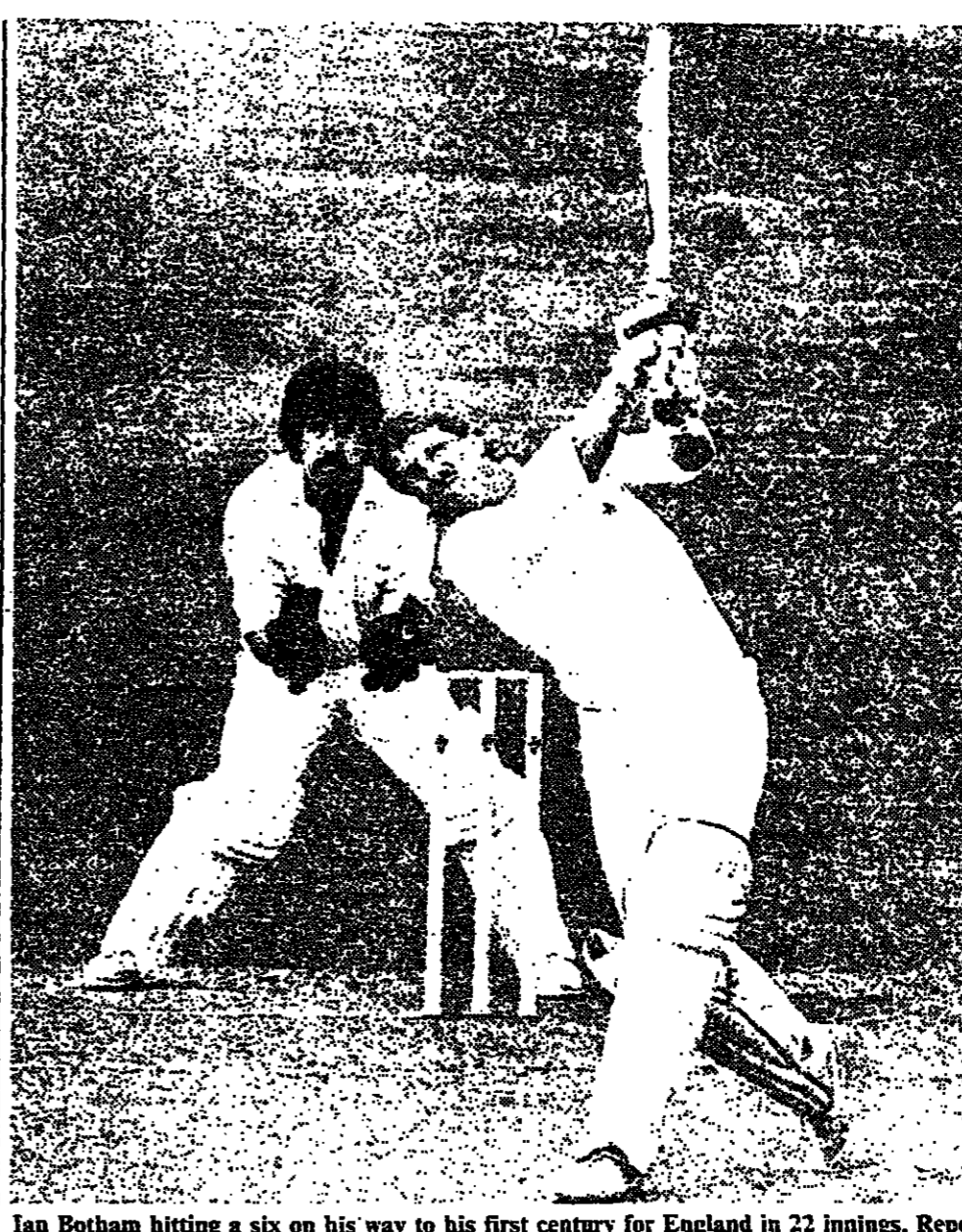
Adrian Moorhouse, aged 19, won Britain's first gold medal in the European swimming championships at Rome.

Table with 2 columns: News, Sports, etc. and 2 rows of items.

Two pits closed in swift action to test militants

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The National Coal Board yesterday issued its long-expected challenge to miners' leaders by announcing the immediate closure of two pits in militant coalfields regarded as test cases in the battle over economic collieries.



Ian Botham hitting a six on his way to his first century for England in 22 innings. Report page 16. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Thatcher sees Alliance threat

By Anthony Bevis, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister has changed her view about the future of the Labour Party, with a clear suggestion that she now sees the Social Democratic Party-Liberal Alliance as "the true opposition" to the Conservative Party.

Union poll reveals massive support for secret ballots

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The Government's assertions that its proposed trade union law reforms have the backing of rank and file union members received significant support yesterday from an internal union poll which showed that an overwhelming number of members supported the introduction of secret ballots for strike votes and the election of executives.

Mitterrand ready to fight Chad rebels

From Diana Geddes, Paris

France is ready to fight the Libyan-backed rebels in Chad if they launch a new offensive against President Mitterrand's forces.

Cup yacht designer may sue

From David Miller, Newport, Rhode Island

Mr Ben Lexcen, designer of the controversial Royal Perth Yacht Club challenger for the America's Cup, Australia II, is threatening legal action against the New York Yacht Club.

350 jailed Britons may be sent home

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The first step towards transferring to British jails hundreds of Britons held in foreign prisons was taken by the Government yesterday when Mr Christopher Lush, Britain's Ambassador to the Council of Europe, signed in Strasbourg the Council's convention on the repatriation of prisoners.

Oil drum raft's skipper saved by Spanish ship

By Richard Evans

Gunther Mieser, the madcap German seafarer given up for dead after his empty oil drum raft, complete with bicycle, was found in the Bay of Biscay last weekend, is safe and well.

American women hopping mad at bunny gibe

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

House spokesmen, said that the last time he recalled seeing Miss Honneger has been as an Easter bunny in the White House Easter egg roll.

Advertisement for Bell's Scotch Whisky, featuring a bottle image and the text 'Follow the Leader' and 'the quality scotch'.

Continued text from the 'Oil drum raft' article, mentioning the rescue and the condition of the skipper.

Continued text from the 'American women' article, discussing the controversy over the 'bunny gibe'.

Task force sails into dispute

The Royal Navy will be left with only eight frigates and destroyers to guard Britain's approaches to the North Atlantic when a task force leaves for New Zealand next week, it was claimed last night.

Flagpole tied up in red tape

Villagers in Sadberge, Co Durham, have been given permission to put a flagpole on their village green to celebrate the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales - more than two years late.

Cable TV firm plans arts show

A daily four-hour television arts programme is being compiled for cable television operators by British Cable Programmes, which expects to inject £2m a year in fee payments into British music and drama.

Thatcher to join world phone-in

Mrs Margaret Thatcher will become the first national leader to take part in a world-wide radio phone-in this autumn when she answers questions for 50 minutes from listeners to the BBC World Service.

Strike at Vauxhall's Ellesmere Port plant halts production

A strike by 1,800 assembly workers at Vauxhall's Ellesmere Port car factory in Mersey side brought production to a standstill yesterday.

The men are believed to have taken their action after instructions from Coventry, where negotiators from the Transport and General Workers' Union are discussing the company's annual pay claim, with the management.

The boiler-makers, members of the General Municipal, Boiler-makers and Allied Trades Union, decided to accept a peace document produced after a week of negotiation with the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas).

Dismissed journalists wait on talks

Three hundred journalists in Manchester, dismissed by Express Newspapers over a Christmas working disagreement, were last night awaiting the outcome of negotiations in London between the management and officials of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ).

Wary union support for youth scheme

The Government is assured of continued trade union support for the controversial £1,000m Youth Training Scheme (YTS) after the publication today of a TUC guide which urges cooperation.

THE PIT AND THE PENDULUM

COMING SOON - THE ULTIMATE IN HORROR!

UDA man accused of hospital murder

Two leading members of the Ulster Defence Association (UDA) were arrested by detectives yesterday as a one-time member of the Protestant paramilitary organization was accused of murdering Mrs Maire Drumm, aged 56, the former vice-president of Provisional Sinn Féin, seven years ago.

Court to hear BA appeal for shuttle ruling

British Airways' High Court application for a ruling on its plan to operate a shuttle service between Heathrow and Belfast is expected to be heard today.

Meacher puts case for minimum wage

Mr Michael Meacher yesterday abandoned his conciliatory tone in Labour's deputy leadership contest and said his rival, Mr Roy Hattersley, had neglected a 10-year-old idea by advocating an index of poverty.



Spending on research up despite recession

Industry has increased its expenditure on research and development during the past five years, in spite of the economic recession, according to a survey of research and development in Britain.

Spotlight on leopards

Defence policy 'based on myth of Soviet threat'

Britain's nuclear defence policy is based on a series of myths and false perceptions, according to evidence presented to the BA meeting yesterday by an expert in peace and conflict research.

Planet of iron



Finding out: A girl examines air and water with a jar in a fish tank. The British Association is starting a campaign to interest primary school children in science, including an awards scheme (Photograph: David Hodge).

Ear trumpet 'still effective hearing aid'

The old-fashioned ear trumpet is still one of the most effective aids for the hard of hearing, Mr Michael Martin, head of the scientific and technical department of the Royal National Institute for the Deaf, said yesterday.

Beating drum for ear trumpet

A complete rethink of what is taught in schools and how was advocated yesterday by Mr Bob Aitken, director of education in Coventry, in a speech to the education section in which he said the curriculum should be organized into modules or units rather than subjects.

The finer art of forecasting

The Meteorological Office is developing a system for forecasting rainfall with far more local detail than has been possible before, combining satellite and radar observations with high-speed communications and computing.

Module approaches to teaching mathematics

Mr Chris Hayes, associate fellow at the Institute of Manpower Studies in London, told the section that secondary education had betrayed and disabled young people because it only met the needs of a minority.

Magnetic theory of the Earth's iron core

How did the Earth obtain its iron-rich core? The traditional view that at an early stage of formation dense molten blobs of iron simply sank to the centre of the planet was challenged yesterday by Professor William McCrea, of the Astronomy Centre at Sussex University.

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Social services told to show people their case records

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

People receiving help from the social services are to be given the right to see their case records, under guidance issued yesterday by the Department of Health and Social Services.

The guidance overturns decades of practice in which social workers compiled confidential files on elderly people, children, disabled people and mentally ill or handicapped people, in the expectation that their subject would never read them.

The department has been compelled to lay down rules on access to the files because a number of local councils have decided that they should be open.

A circular outlining how councils should make such files accessible asks them to set up safeguards to protect information from or about third parties.

Shuttle expected to draw callers

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent
British Telecom expects a substantial increase in telephone traffic next Tuesday when subscribers dial to over-hear communications between the newly-launched space shuttle and its control centre in Houston, Texas.

Finance firm chief jailed for fraud

A finance company chairman, Robert Millage, lived in a "make-believe world of self-delusion" when he offered firms cash loans at low interest rates, the Central Criminal Court in London was told yesterday.



Mr Timothy Nash, for the prosecution, said Millage started the firm of Hodson Lynch at South Street, Dorking, Surrey, with a "good idea to make money" through American interest rates.

After only five months trading his company collapsed with debts of £124,000 without completing a single transaction.

More than £100,000 was spent by British telephone callers during the last two shuttle flights in April this year and last August.

Computer to teach Spanish

By our Electronics Correspondent
A method for learning foreign languages in a quarter of the time normally taken by conventional means has been developed for home microcomputers by a psychologist.

The system, evolved by Dr Michael Grunberg from University College Swansea, and called Linkword, has been designed to give the student proficiency in 400 words of vocabulary in about 12 hours.



Emma Pashley and her brother Simon; both have heart conditions.

Operation for girl who asked for new heart

Emma Pashley, the girl aged eight who wrote to Father Christmas last year asking for a new heart, is to undergo a pioneering operation in the new year to correct her heart condition.

The girl, from Stockport, Greater Manchester, was given only an hour to live when she was born with her heart on the wrong side of her body and with the arteries transposed.

Mr Ian Davidson, QC, for the defence, said Millage had honestly believed his companies were going to be successful. But finally he "refused to face the harsh reality of failure".

Mr Muggerridge, aged 80 and a Roman Catholic, had been invited to take part in a whistle-stop tour by helicopter addressing rallies in favour of the constitutional amendment banning abortion.

Butter makers hit back with soft spread

A new soft butter which can be spread straight from the fridge is to be launched by the Milk Marketing Board.

The development is the latest round in the fight between margarine and butter producers. The margarine companies currently sell about 100,000 tons more in Britain each year than the dairy companies.

Pashley, said yesterday: "We have got to give her the chance of life. The surgeons say that if she does not have the operation she will be in a wheelchair within 18 months and after that the outcome will be very bleak. We are told there is just over a 50 per cent chance of the operation being a success, and we don't really have a choice. Emma has deteriorated quite a lot in the last 12 months."

Muggeridge rebuffs abortion campaign

The Irish Republic's Society for the Protection of Unborn Child, has suffered a setback with the cancellation of a tour by Mr Malcolm Muggerridge in support of an anti-abortion amendment he describes as "absolutely absurd".

Doctors and lawyers' organizations, the Irish Farmers Association, political parties and families have been split. As polling day approaches, the campaign is plunging to new depths of bitterness.

Youth remanded on Peak murder charge

A youth was remanded in custody for six days yesterday accused of murdering Susan Renhard, aged 21, in the Derbyshire Peak District.

Mr Cheek painted a grim picture of working conditions for the 1,500 men likely to be involved in the airfield project, likening it to the isolation of construction work in the Sahara desert.

Mr Leslie Bell, for the prosecution, withdrew all other charges made against the accused at previous court appearances. He also asked that a High Court judge try the case at the Crown Court.

Police count cost of hippy trail

A two-week operation by Norfolk police to control a hippies' convoy of trailers travelling to their annual camp in Norwich was yesterday estimated unofficially to have cost £300,000.

The police made 65 arrests, 52 of them for alleged drug offences, and evicted the hippies from land owned by the University of East Anglia.

Rapist who fled bail is jailed

An American air force warehouse manager was jailed for three and a half years yesterday after a jury at the Central Criminal Court found him guilty of raping a German translator, aged 22, in Chelsea, west London in November 1978.

Mini is 24

The Mini, Britain's most famous small car, celebrates its twenty-fourth birthday today. Almost five million of the cars have been produced since the Mini-Minor was launched in 1959 and BL plant at Longbridge, Birmingham, still turns out more than 1,000 a week.

Bears shot

Two bears were shot dead by police marksmen yesterday after they escaped into the grounds at the zoological gardens in Hotham Park, Bognor Regis, Sussex.

Injured Briton held in Saudi jail 'will be ill permanently'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr Keith Carmichael, the British businessman held in Saudi Arabia without trial since 1981, is expected to suffer for the rest of his life from the effects of injuries received while in custody.

His medical report, released to The Times yesterday by the National Council for the Welfare of Prisoners Abroad, says: "We think this patient has a severe malformation of the spine which will, in his future life, restrict his activities quite drastically."

The report, signed by Dr E. F. Bettendorff, a specialist in traumatology at the Security Forces Hospital of the Saudi Arabian Ministry of the Interior, says that Mr Carmichael should be given painkillers and have permission to do physical exercises in prison to strengthen muscles to prevent further persistent damage.

The report says that as he was on his way to Shumaisy Hospital for treatment, the car in which he was travelling went over bumps in the road at very high speed.

When examined at the request of the British Embassy he had severe pain in the back, especially when sitting. "Examination now shows general atrophy of all muscles."

Mr Carmichael wrote to The Times saying he was on hunger strike, which he has since ended, to draw attention to his plight. His contracting company, Saeem International, collapsed with debts alleged by the Saudi authorities to total almost £1m.

Our Medical Correspondent says of the hospital report, which gives details of Mr Carmichael's injury, that the vertebrae had become compressed and the nerve leaving the spinal chord trapped.

He would be likely to develop secondary osteo-arthritis symptoms, similar to those of a slipped disc, and would also have chronic low-grade back-ache, with intermittent attacks of pain leading to his attacks of wasting of the muscles in the front of his thighs would also be likely.

Three face betting coup trial

From our Correspondent

Three men were committed for trial to York Crown Court at Hull yesterday on conspiracy charges arising out of an alleged betting coup involving switching machines at Leicester in March last year.

The accused, whose bail was renewed, were Mr Kenneth Richardson, aged 45, a company executive of Jubilee House, Hutton, near Humberston, aged 44, a company director of Wild View North, and Mr Peter Dobbs, aged 37, a horse-box driver of Hazel Close, both in Driffeld.

They were jointly charged with dishonestly conspiring together and with others to cheat and defraud people willing to bet or to take bets, on the Knighton Autumn Stakes, a race for two-year-olds, on March 29 last year at Leicester, and on other races by falsely representing that a horse entered under the name of Flockton Grey, which won the Leicester Grey, which won the Leicester Grey at 20-1, whereas the horse entered in the race and intended for other races was a three-year-old named Good Hand or some other name.

Mr Leslie Bell, for the prosecution, withdrew all other charges made against the accused at previous court appearances. He also asked that a High Court judge try the case at the Crown Court.

Club destroyed

The Regnum Club in Chichester, West Sussex, a listed eighteenth century building, was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning.

Remand prisoner 'fears for treatment'

A solicitor told magistrates in Birkenhead, Merseyside, yesterday that he was unwilling to have his client committed for trial because the man feared his requests for medical treatment would be forgotten if he did not appear to be remanded.

Thirteen people were injured yesterday when a National Express coach collided with a 30-ton lorry, at Cleve, near Bristol.

Police take sex hunt to doorsteps

Police hunting the three men who sexually assaulted a Brighton boy aged six are to launch fresh house-to-house inquiries among local residents. They acknowledged that inquiries have failed to yield positive clues yet to the attackers' identity.

In the absence of "significant developments" the daily news conferences given by Brighton police, which have prompted widespread publicity and about 3,000 telephone calls from the public, are being cancelled.

Inspector John Bishop, one of the officers involved, said yesterday: "It is going to be a long and painstaking job."

The house-to-house inquiries will take place in the four areas of the town linked with the attack. They are aimed at people who may not yet have got in touch with the police because they have been away on holiday.

Those include the Beacon Hill area of Dowlund, pinpointed as a likely scene of the attack, where a tea-shirt thought to belong to a boy was spotted by a jogger, and where a couple heard screams on the night of the attack and saw a group of people, including a child.

Mr Bishop added: "There are still blanks on the road maps where we have not yet made contact with people in our house-to-house inquiries. We want to make sure that those blanks are filled in."

But he denied that the inquiry had come to a halt. "Calls are still coming in from the public at the rate of 250 to 300 a day. There is still an awful lot of information being evaluated and a lot of grinding routine work going on."

Falkland's terms for Argentine trade

By John Withrow

Falkland islanders would be prepared to accept renewed air and trade links with Argentina provided there was no challenge to British sovereignty, two of the islands' elected councillors said yesterday.

"We are going to have to accept one or two things we are not very keen on", Mr Blake said. Before last year's conflict he and other farmers exported mutton to the mainland and there were plans to export beef. In return Argentina supplied fuel and timber, which now has to be brought in via Ascension Island.

Mr Cheek painted a grim picture of working conditions for the 1,500 men likely to be involved in the airfield project, likening it to the isolation of construction work in the Sahara desert.

electricity supplies were still under strain in Port Stanley. A number of people wanting to emigrate to the islands had been turned away because of a shortage of housing.

serious accident involving coaches in Britain since May. Because of public concern the Department of Transport is considering possible changes in the speed limits of coaches. Coach speeds on motorways are currently being monitored and Mrs Lynda Chalke, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Transport, will be given the results next month.

The crash is the seventh

Miner dies
Mr Paul Lyman, aged 18, a miner, of Limby, Nottinghamshire, died yesterday, a day after suffering internal injuries when he was trapped in an underground conveyor belt at Babbington Colliery, Nottingham.

East and West getting together

Angry delegates stage sit-in over Malta at Madrid conference

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain announced yesterday that it is going ahead with invitations to the foreign ministers of the 35 nations at the European Security Review Conference to come for a major East-West gathering here early next month, regardless of Malta still pursuing obstructionist tactics.

The disruptive tactics of the Maltese Government reached their nadir yesterday, visibly angering the heads of all the other delegations. The delegates, who had flown in from their capitals hoping Malta would finally relent, found themselves confronted by a Maltese junior diplomat who simply told them he had no instructions.

Joerg Kasl, of West Germany, described the delegates' tactics. Two of the largest available ensaimadas, the typical wheel-shaped sweet cakes from Majorca, were taken in for snacks to underline their will to sit it out.

US signs Moscow grain deal

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Mr John Block, the American Agriculture Secretary, yesterday met Mr Geidar Aliyev, the Soviet Deputy Prime Minister, in what is seen as a further move towards easing Soviet-American relations.

Mr Block described the talks as "constructive, useful and friendly", although some diplomats were sceptical, pointing out that the Kremlin and the White House remained at daggers drawn. Mr Block agreed there was "more work to be done".

together on "issues of mutual significance". At a press conference Mr Block said the agreement - valued at \$2 billion (£1.3 billion) a year - had put an "emphatic end to a very difficult chapter in our grain trading relations".

It was not the most earth shattering exchange between politicians of East and West but it did mark a slight thaw in the distinctly chilly relations between Moscow and the Reagan Administration.

Mr Block's visit has received no publicity in the Soviet media, while a fierce anti-American propaganda campaign has continued unabated.

Earlier in the day, Mr Robert McFarlane, the special American envoy to the Middle East, had flown to Rome for talks with defence officials there.

East Germans given missile message

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Herr Egon Bahr, the Social Democratic disarmament expert, yesterday held talks in East Berlin with Herr Oskar Fischer, the East German Foreign Minister, continuing the top level discussions he has been having there about the deployment of new Nato missiles in West Germany.

His warning was prominently displayed in East German newspapers yesterday. He also told Herr Bahr that the missiles the Russians would put in East Germany would reach their targets more quickly than the Pershings aimed at Moscow.

controversial visit last month, criticized the East German leader's remarks as being "little help". He said that the threatened deployment in the East raised the question whether the Soviet side was seriously interested in disarmament.

Uganda leaders conclude \$7m pact in Russia

Four Uganda government ministers passed through London yesterday after concluding deals worth about £4.5m in Moscow.

Insults fly as Cameroon chiefs wrangle

Paris (AFP) - The former Cameroonian President Mr Ahmadou Ahidjo renewed his attack on the protégé he put in power 10 months ago, President Paul Biya, calling him a "weakling, a swindler" and a "hypocrite".

Bonn alarm at 'Times' view on Rhine army

The debate on the Rhine Army started by The Times is being followed closely in Bonn by politicians and military leaders who have expressed alarm at the idea of Britain's handing over responsibility for the defence of West Germany's eastern frontier to a German unit.



Seven killed in Kenya plane crash

Nairobi (AP) Seven people - four West Germans, two Italians and a Dutch national - were killed when their small aircraft crashed in the Ingito Hills near the Tanzanian border, about 85 miles south of here.

Rain caused school tragedy

Taipei (Reuters) - A provisional education commissioner has offered to resign after 27 girls were killed and 84 injured when a school ceiling collapsed at Feng Yuan near here.

Two die in Berlin consulate blast

All that remained of the Maison de France on West Berlin's fashionable Kurfurstendamm yesterday after an explosion that killed two people and injured 23.

Agence France-Presse said the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (Asala) was responsible.

instance of Asala terrorist activity in West Germany. The group had given a warning that it would strike at French interests if France did not release the Armenians arrested after a bomb attack at Orly airport in Paris last month that killed eight people and injured 55.

Beirut bomb kills French soldier

From Kate Doerlan, Beirut

One French soldier was killed and eight were injured in a fire and explosion in a garage used by French peacekeeping forces in the Muslim sector of Beirut yesterday.

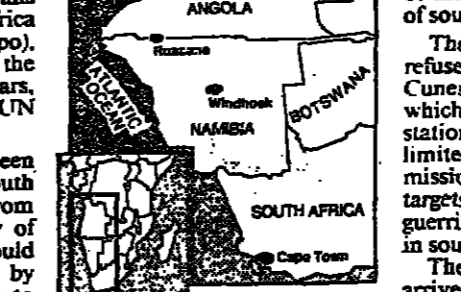
Angola pessimistic on UN mission

No one in the Angolan capital has a drop of optimism to sweeten the arrival of Senor Javies Perez de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary-General, who flies in from South Africa today.

The head of military intelligence in the region, said on Wednesday that the attack on Cangambo had been made to coincide with Senor de Cuellar's visit "so the South Africans can present Unia as part of the Namibia equation".

from the Soviet Union and other communist countries.

Officially he is to discuss the implementation of Resolution No 435 of the United Nations which aims to bring South-West Africa (Namibia) to independence. However, the Angolans and the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo), which has been fighting the South Africans for 17 years, perceive the details of the UN plan as purely academic.



As they see it, there has been no decision by the South African to withdraw from Namibia. Furthermore, any of the details of the UN plan could be made into big issues by South Africa in an attempt to gain more time.

While there is every indication that the explosion was an accident, its occurrence coincided with a report that the Lebanese Defence Minister had requested the expansion of the multinational peacekeeping force from the four contributing countries, France, Italy, Britain and the United States.

Swiss turn palace in fortress

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

Some of the more cautious international civil servants among the 2,500 at the UN Palais des Nations complex have thought it advisable to buy individual "all events" insurance cover for the duration of the international conference on Palestine being held there from Monday until September 7.

Salvador military shoot Italian at roadblock

San Salvador (Reuters) - Salvadoran soldiers shot and killed an Italian engineer when he apparently tried to break through an army road block.

Train deaths

Bangkok (AFP) - Eight people were killed and nine seriously injured in a train crash near Chumphon, 275 miles south of here.

From ballot box to court in Nigeria

Lagos (AFP) - With the outcome of three out of Nigeria's five presidential and general elections known, the action is gradually shifting from the political soap-box to the court rooms where defeated candidates will be contesting the results.

Israel cements trade and aid ties with Liberia

The state visit to Israel by General Samuel Doe, Liberian leader, ends today after expressions of satisfaction on both sides over the signing of an agreement which would involve the rapid dispatch of Israeli experts to Monrovia.

Factory blast

Rome (AFP) - An explosion destroyed a fireworks factory in Borgorose, 60 miles north of here, killing five people. A sixth person was reported missing.

China in space

Peking (Reuters) - An experimental Chinese satellite has returned to Earth after a successful five-day mission.

Leg appeal

Peking (Reuters) - A Chinese hosiery factory is marketing scented stockings. In addition to being transparent, soft and elastic, they have a fragrance which will last through at least 10 washings, according to the Peking Daily.

Baby expelled

Rome (AP) - Italy has expelled a two-month-old Venezuelan girl who spent seven days in a Rome airport transit lounge after a legal tangle over her adoption. She was put on board a flight for Caracas, accompanied by a childless Sicilian couple who had brought her to Rome last week.

Bride's suicide

Delhi (AFP) - A teenage bride burnt herself to death, saying that her in-laws had refused her food as part of pressure tactics to force her father to increase her dowry. It was the latest in a long series of "dowry deaths".

Hijack appeal

Seoul (Reuters) - South Korean prosecutors are appealing for heavier sentences on six Chinese given six years for hijacking a Chinese airliner to Seoul in May. China has said the sentences are too lenient.

Colombo visitor

Colombo - Mr Gopalaswami Parthasarathy, the Indian special envoy, arrived in Sri Lanka yesterday for discussions with President Jayewardene after the recent attacks on Tamils.

Burma riot

Rangoon (AP) - Muslims' houses, shops and mosques were destroyed in Yandooon, 50 miles east of the Burmese capital, after a quarrel between a Muslim medicine vendor and his Buddhist customers.

Hit reprieved

Pretoria (AFP) - A ten-year ban on the film soundtrack of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical hit, Jesus Christ Superstar, has been lifted by the South African censors.

Handwritten Arabic text: هكزا من الاصل

Canadian Liberal Party backbenchers clamour for Trudeau's resignation

Mr Pierre Trudeau's ears must be burning since the Canadian Prime Minister left on a European holiday with his three sons more than a week ago, there has been an unprecedented outbreak of calls for his resignation from backbench MPs of his Liberal Party.

And this week, to add to his tribulations, a Cabinet minister sworn in 10 days earlier suddenly quit for undisclosed personal reasons. He was Mr Roger Simmons, Minister for Mines and Newfoundland's representative in the Cabinet. He has been an MP since 1979.

Suddenly, the Prime Minister's hold on the party and on power seems to have become extremely weak.

Several Liberal MPs interviewed in a survey by the Canadian Press news agency stated their belief - on the record - that he should step down.

Perhaps the bluntest of the seven was Mr John Reid, a former Minister for Federal-Provincial Relations who was passed over when Mr Trudeau put together a new Cabinet on regaining power in 1980.

"I believe it's time for Mr Trudeau to go," Mr Reid, who represents a north-western Ontario riding, said. "He's completed his agenda and I don't know what he is sticking around for."

Minister is jeered and booed in Gdansk

Gdansk (AP, Reuters) - Workers at the Lenin shipyard here greeted Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowicki, the deputy Prime Minister, with boos, whistles and hisses yesterday.

When he finally began his address at 4 pm it was to between 1,500 and 2,000 workers packed into a hall designed to hold 800.

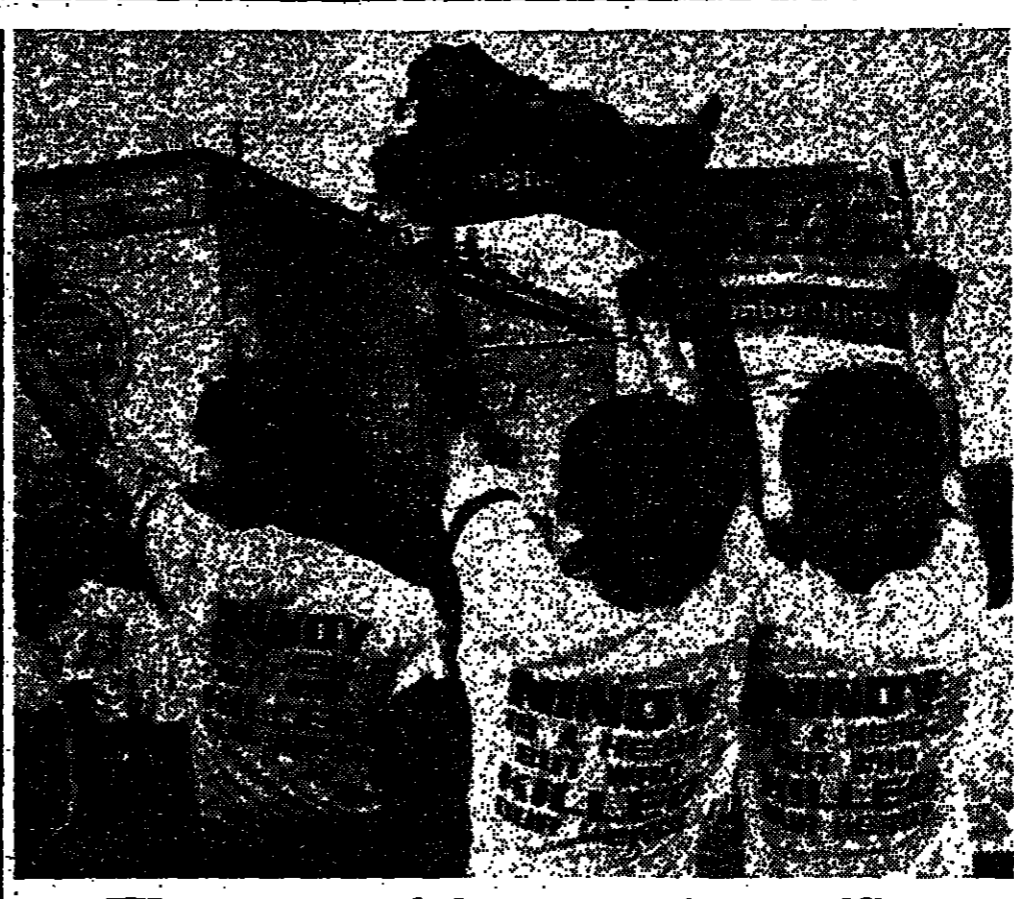
Meanwhile, workers at the entrance to the shipyard said that a go-slow was in progress in many of the workshops.

The crowd outside the meeting hall grew steadily as a contingent of militia moved into place round the monument to victims of the workers' revolt to December 1970, a traditional Solidarity rallying point next to the shipyards.

Earlier, the Government stepped up its propaganda barrage to discredit Solidarity in advance of possible protests at the end of the month to mark the anniversary of the creation of the independent trade union.

The campaign included only a brief reference to Mr Wislawa Hardecki, the underground leader in Cracow who appeared on television on Tuesday to announce that he was giving up his struggle and was freed under an amnesty.

Newspapers gave prominence to a report by the PAP news agency that a call for a work slow-down at the Lenin shipyards in Gdansk, the birthplace of Solidarity, had failed.



Vanishing politician deported to Austria

From W. P. Reeves Wellington

A former Austrian parliamentarian who disappeared under mysterious circumstances while on holiday in Italy two years ago will be deported from New Zealand to his homeland to face fraud charges.

Walter Paul Renner, aged 37, described by his lawyer as a "political hot potato", was convicted in Auckland yesterday on two immigration charges.

Renner was a leading figure in a property development company which had accumulated debts totalling \$1.5m. His counsel, Mr Kevin Gould, told the court that the sum involved in fraud charges against him amounted to \$40,000.

Renner disappeared on September 5, 1981. His clothes were found on a beach and he was presumed to have drowned. He is understood to have travelled first to England before arriving in New Zealand in November, 1981.

Under an alias he found work as a machine operator. Mr Gould said Renner had become an MP in Austria in 1979. His liberal views had led to his falling out with the party leader early in 1981.

According to Mr Gould the strife he caused made him a hot potato. At the same time the company of which he was managing director got into "tremendous financial difficulties" and he resigned.

Thousands follow Aquino coffin

Mourners marching behind the coffin of Benigno Aquino in Manila yesterday. The huge crowds waved placards such as "Remember Ninoy", the nickname of the murdered Filipino opposition leader (Reuters reports).

Eyewitnesses said the crowds following the coffin from the Aquino family home to Santo Domingo church about a mile away were almost double the police estimate of 60,000.

Mr Aquino's widow, Corason, returned from the United States with their five children on Wednesday night for the funeral.

The Philippines' police chief, Major-General Fidel Ramos, said yesterday contingency plans had been drawn up against possible disturbances when large numbers of people arrived in Manila for the funeral, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday.

'Dead' Argentine escapes captors

Buenos Aires (Reuters, AP) - Señor Patricio Kelly, a key witness in several human rights court cases who was kidnapped in Buenos Aires on Wednesday, is alive and well after escaping from his captors.

Earlier reports said he had been found dead outside the capital.

Señor Kelly told the police he got away by jumping out of a car. His wife Irma told the independent news agency Noticias Argentinas that he escaped near the Buenos Aires suburb of Ingeniero Maschwitz.

"Patricio is very hurt because he jumped out from the moving car," she said.

An eyewitness reported that Señor Kelly, running and shouting, "I'm Kelly, I'm Kelly, tell the police and Buenos Aires", appeared at an Argentine Automobile club station. A police car took him to a police station.

Señor Kelly, a maverick figure in Argentine politics, was kidnapped by a group of armed men in the capital shortly after leaving his home by car for the city centre.

A police car was on the spot but did not intervene to help him. Señor Kelly was beaten up and driven off in his own car, eye witnesses said.

A police statement said one of the kidnapers was a man dressed in the uniform of an army colonel. He told the policemen that only a minor traffic accident had taken place and they drove off.

A clandestine group calling itself "Free Argentines" claimed that it had kidnapped and killed Señor Kelly.

In a brief news conference in front of his suburban home Señor Kelly refused to say how he escaped. His face bruised

Señor Kelly. Political crusades led to jail

and cut, he said he had presented a criminal court judge "not to talk" about his experience.

But in a subsequent interview with a Buenos Aires radio station he identified his captors as a man "distinguished as an army colonel and a dozen psychopaths, old professionals from the union gangs, paid bodyguards".

At the press conference he said his abduction was designed to pressure him. He denied planning his own kidnapping to draw attention to charges he has made against former officials.

Señor Kelly once described himself as "an independent nationalist sharp shooter". He is a colourful figure who began his political career as the leader of a pro-Peronist strong-arm group in the 1950s.

Since then he has launched several political crusades against powerful Argentine political leaders which have landed him in jail on seven occasions. In 1957 he made a spectacular escape from prison disguised as a woman.

Lawyer charged over sex tape report

Los Angeles (Reuters) Mr Robert Steinberg, a lawyer, has been charged with filing a false police report claiming that sex films involving Reagan Administration officials were stolen from his office.

"The people's theory in the case is that the films never existed", Miss Marsha Revel, the prosecutor, told a Beverly Hills municipal court.

Mr Steinberg attracted wide attention last month when he said he had seen sex films showing two officials of ambassadorial rank, a Congressman, two prominent businessmen, Alfred Bloomingdale, the late multi-millionaire adviser to President Reagan, and Miss Vicki Morgan, Mr Bloomingdale's mistress, who was murdered on July 7.

Civilians named in new Upper Volta Cabinet

Ouagadougou (AFP) - A new Upper Volta Government has been formed, mostly of civilians, three weeks after the coup by radical Army officers led by Captain Thomas Sankara against the administration of Major Jean-Baptiste Ouedraogo.

The 15 civilians and five military men in the new Government, installed on Wednesday night, are very young, with an average age of about 30.

Captain Sankara, who was Prime Minister under Major Ouedraogo before being dismissed earlier this year, holds the offices of head of state and Minister of the Interior and Security.

The new Cabinet includes a

Three in daring escape to West by plane

Graz, Austria (AP) - Three Romanians yesterday escaped to the West in a crop-dusting aircraft, flying low to avoid radar.

They made a daring emergency landing near Rohrbach and asked for political asylum.

Police said the three were the pilot, aged 30, another man, aged 27, and his pregnant wife, aged 22, who was rushed to hospital in Harburg.

One of the Romanians is reported to have said he wanted to go to the United States.

⑧ BAD BRAMSTEDT: Two East German workers fled across the border into northern West Germany yesterday (AP reports). West German border guards said the two men, aged 21 and 25, reached Schleswig-Holstein unharmed.

The new Cabinet includes: President: Thomas Sankara; Deputy: Jean-Baptiste Ouedraogo; Ministers: Justin Basso, Davoud, Social Development; Seydou Traore, Health; Abou Traore, Trade; Industrial Development and Mines; Bouba, Home; Labasse, Social Security and Civil Servants; Sidie Toure, Education and Scientific Research; Issa Thiandogo, Agriculture; Arts and Culture; Emmanuel Dado, Tourism; Adam Traore, Youth and Sports; Ibrahim, Home Environment and Transport; Laya, Public Security; Social Affairs; Barcoure, Policy; Secretary of State; Secretaries: Ernest Ouedraogo.

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BALMORAL CASTLE August 25 The Queen was represented by Colonel William Brann (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Down) at the funeral of Sir Francis Evans...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. C. Clark and Miss V. J. Charteris The engagement is announced between Peter Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs F. G. Clark...

A memorial service for Sir George Lewis, 84, will be held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on Thursday, November 3, at noon.

Birthdays today

Kenneth Barnes, 61; Mr Frank Cole, 70; Major General N. L. Cole, 74; Mr Christopher Isherwood, 79; Sir Ian McGregor, 61; Professor Brian Maegraith, 70; Sir Hugh Parry, 72; Mr Malcolm Prynne, 70; Miss Alison Steadman, 37; Sir Gerald Thorneley, 70; General Sir Mary Tuoz, 66; the Right Rev. M. P. Wood, 67.

Wacup and Lawtenhall Grammar School

Michaelmas Term begins on August 1. Term ends on December 21. The twentieth anniversary reunion will be held on September 10-11. The main musical production, Robert and Elizabeth with Andrew Horsfall and Janet Lancaster in the leading roles, will be presented on Friday, November 3. Heads of school are Darren Bentley and Lesley Irell.

Marriage

Mr H. B. Digby and Mrs S. R. McLaren The marriage took place in London yesterday between Mr Henry Digby, son of the late Hon Robert and Mrs Digby, and Mrs Rosalie McLaren, daughter of Major and Mrs Richard Aukinson-Turner, of Worlington, Suffolk.

Church news

Appointments The Rev. Canon G. H. Currie, of St. Andrew's, Glasgow, to be Rector of St. Andrew's, Glasgow. The Rev. Canon G. H. Currie, of St. Andrew's, Glasgow, to be Rector of St. Andrew's, Glasgow. The Rev. Canon G. H. Currie, of St. Andrew's, Glasgow, to be Rector of St. Andrew's, Glasgow.

Latest wills

Access leaves £65,345 Daphne Heard, whose real name was Mrs Delia Barras, of Clifton, Bristol, the actress who played "Mrs Poo" in the BBC television series "The Man in Black", left estate valued at £65,345 net.

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Tory clones claim by teachers

By Lucy Hodges Education Correspondent The Conservative Party has been caught trying to impose an education policy on its MPs, and the MPs are exposed as "clones", in a survey published today by the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association.

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Rare bird: A young white swallow in a barn at a farm near Ringwood, Hampshire. A pure albino is sufficiently uncommon to interest ornithologists. The Royal Society for Protection of Birds says that there are no accurate statistics, but on average, no more than one sighting a year is reported. Birds with whole or part white plumage tend to be mobbed by their fellows and are conspicuous targets for birds of prey.

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Farmers' leader opposes EEC on cuts

The president of the National Union of Farmers, has told the Minister of Agriculture that EEC agricultural policy plans are highly damaging to the industry and to the national interest. Sir Richard Butler, the NFU president, has written to the minister, Mr Michael Jopling, saying that the European Commission's proposals on the adaptation of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) are "of critical importance to British agriculture", but are unacceptable as they stand.

Warning on Channel 4 advertising

By Kenneth Goeling As hopes rose yesterday for an early settlement of the dispute over fees paid to actors appearing in Channel 4 and TV-am commercials, a leading advertising executive warned the independent television companies that it could be a long time before new revenue is generated.

Mr Scott Nearing

Mr Scott Nearing, who died on August 24 at his farm in Harborside, Maine, aged 100, was an individualist in an American style. He was well known as a radical and a pacifist in the early part of this century, and in recent years acquired a new following through his advocacy of vegetarianism and organic farming.

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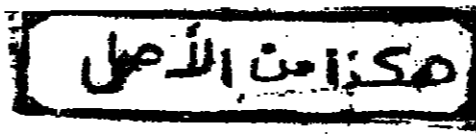
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THE TIMES 1000 1982/1983 The World's Top Companies

Table listing the top 1000 companies in 1982/1983, including names like Shell, BP, and ICI.

Fraser shares jump 16p

Shares in House of Fraser jumped 16p yesterday to 244p on persistent buying from about five main sources.

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Only the index-linked sector bucked the trend with gains of more than 1p, investors once again attracted by the 3 per cent to 4 per cent return over inflation offered by the sector.

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climbed 10p to 178p. Dale Electric disclosing profits up 73 per cent, and duly firmed 5p to 88p.

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News that Gulf is after all to develop its offshore Irish oil field prompted buyers to rush into Atlantic Resources.

RECENT ISSUES

Table listing recent issues of various companies, including names like British Airways and British Telecom.

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Table of British funds performance, including names like Fidelity and British American.

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Table of dollar stocks, including names like American Express and American Express.

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Table of banks and discounts, including names like Bank of America and Bank of America.

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ANNUAL MEETINGS

Davenport Knitwear, Allen House, Newark Street, Liverpool (11.30) ...

Trade figures hit sterling

Sterling was under sporadic pressure in the foreign exchange markets yesterday because of the poor July trade figures ...

Battle for games manufacturer is not over, says BPCC chief

Waddington beats off Maxwell as institutions switch allegiance

An about-turn by three institutional shareholders yesterday snatched an expected victory from Mr Robert Maxwell in his battle for control of John Waddington, the Monopoly games manufacturer.

The three institutions withdrew their acceptances of the £18m bid from Mr Maxwell's British Printing and Communication Corporation at the eleventh hour.

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Rescue deal for Capper-Neill

An Arab construction company and British banks have organized a major capital reconstruction of Capper-Neill, a leading manufacturer of process plant, to save the company from an unexpected threat of bankruptcy.

Capper-Neill, of St Helens, discussed yesterday that for the year to the end of March it had made a pretax loss of £3.1m after incurring a pretax profit of £2.75m last year.

CCC will also have an option for 10 years to buy another £7.7m shares at par, and has agreed to make a £1.87m secured loan to Capper-Neill, bringing its total injection to £6m.

BSR back in profit as debts decline

BSR International, the audio, electronics and kitchenware group, is back in profit at the interim stage after its make-or-buy capital reconstruction this year.

At the end of December, 1982, to £2.8m today. Total group debt has fallen from £107m after the rights issue in March.

Blue Circle dividend disappoints market

Blue Circle Industries, Britain's biggest cement producer, yesterday reported a small fall in pretax profits for the first half of this year.

Blue Circle Industries Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax profit £48.2m (25.5m)

Bigger stake for Holmes a Court

Mr Robert Holmes a Court, the Australian financier, has increased his holdings in Fleet Holdings, the Express Newspapers group, from 3 per cent to 4.2 per cent, he confirmed in London yesterday.

Surge in leading shares

New York, (Reuter) - The Wall Street stock market yesterday began higher, but turned mixed as blue chip issues outperformed secondary stocks.

Dupont fell 1/8 to 52; Lockheed fell 3/8 to 103. General Dynamics fell 2 5/8 to 46 1/8; Eastman Kodak fell 1/8 to 67 3/8; Delta Airlines fell 1/8 to 30 and Minnesota Mining fell 1/8 to 79.

Britoil tops forecasts

Britoil, the former state-owned oil group, yesterday reported profits for its first full half-year period that were higher than its forecast, but lower than the City had expected.

Britoil Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax profit £275m (not applicable) Stated earnings 10.64p (n/a) Turnover £568 (n/a) Net interim dividend 3.3p (n/a) Share price 288p

Britain wins larger share of £1bn nuclear work

Britain has won a larger share of £1bn nuclear work from the Central Electricity Generating Board, according to a spokesman yesterday.

Trade Development Bank Holding S.A. Luxembourg

Announcement to Shareholders Approval was given at the General Meeting of Shareholders of Trade Development Bank Holding S.A. ("TDBH") held on August 25, 1983 for all items on the agenda, including a distribution - for each 100 TDBH shares outstanding - of a dividend consisting of US\$ 800 in cash, 27* American Express Company ("Amexco") common shares, and 10 warrants to purchase 20* Amexco common shares at US\$ 27.50 per share.

Sizewell victory for industry

British industry has responded to a challenge from the nuclear power programme to take orders worth millions of pounds from foreign companies which were originally in line to supply equipment for the Sizewell nuclear power station in Suffolk.

It also agrees to guarantee the price paid for the first 60 million tonnes it buys and pays a different rate for consumption above that level. In future the level taken at guaranteed prices will be lower.

The new contracts are likely to be signed next week and will play an important role in talks about to start between the electricity supply industry and its main industrial customers on annual bulk supply contracts.

Trade Development Bank Holding S.A. Luxembourg

2. Upon presentation of coupons 13 and 14 the paying agents will acknowledge to the shareholder his right to the appropriate number of shares and warrants, and, in accordance with his instructions, have the certificates made out, registered, and delivered.

City Editor's Comment

Cash flow problems on a massive scale

Brazil's original multi-billion dollar rescue package fell apart because it was too small and Brazil was unable to meet conditions imposed by the International Monetary Fund.

Not calling them in default. Assume also that the IMF board approves a new programme for Brazil and the Brazilian Congress passes the new tough measures demanded. These are big assumptions but if it works out that way Brazil should then be able to repay the BIS with loans released by the IMF.

Crippling Debts

As for the commercial banks, those with large exposures to Brazil may feel there is no alternative to pumping in large sums.

Secret meeting

The drawings are tied to release of IMF money, but there will be no more of this until late September or October, after the IMF board has formally approved a new programme for Brazil.

WALL STREET

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*calculated after the effect of the 3 for 2 stock split of 10th August 1983

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

W. N. I.
Half-year profit £1.5m (loss £3.0m).
Stated earnings 5.83p (loss 2.55p).
Turnover £4.4m (£4.4m).
Net dividend none.

Supra
Half-year profit £1.5m (£1.5m).
Stated earnings 10.67p (18.88p).
Turnover £15.1m (£10.3m).
Net interim dividend 5.83p (same).
Net dividend none.

Ingers
Year to 31.7.83.
Half-year to 31.7.83.
Attributable profit £7,904 (£32,918).
Stated earnings 0.08p (0.33p).

J. Saville Gordon Group
Year to 30.4.83.
Pre-tax profit £286,000 (£1.1m).
Stated earnings 2.5p (6.1p).
Turnover £1.6m (£1.2m).
Net interim dividend None.
Share price 61p up 5p. Yield 7.5%.

Beneone Crisps
Half-year to 26.5.83.
Trading profit £101,000 (£147,000).
Turnover £2.1m (£1.8m).
Net interim dividend None.
Share price 90p down 1p.

Queens Meat Houses
Nine months to 10.7.83.
Pre-tax profit £1.6m (£1.1m).
Stated earnings 1.5p (1.5p).
Net interim dividend 0.665p (0.65p).
Share price 35.5p unchanged.
Yield 5.4%.

Yorkshire Chemicals
Half-year to 30.6.83.
Pre-tax profit £964,000 (loss £375,000).
Turnover £13.8m (£10m).
Net interim dividend None.
Share price 79p down 3p.
Yield 1.2%.

Silverthorne Group
Half-year to 2.7.83.
Pre-tax profit £125,000 (£89,000).
Stated earnings 1.83p (3.31p).
Turnover £1.8m (£1.8m).
Net interim dividend 0.5p (same).
Share price 50p. Yield 8.3%.
Dividend payable 23.9.83.

Scottish Investment Trust
Nine months to 31.7.83.
Pre-tax profit £5m (£5.2m).
Turnover £7.2m (£5.2m).
Share price 191p down 1p. Yield 3.5%.

BRA Group
Half-year to 30.6.83.
Pre-tax profit £2.9m (£3.1m).
Stated earnings 1.42p (1.81p).
Turnover £7.7m (£7.6m).
Net interim dividend 0.84p (same).
Share price 39p down 1p. Yield 6.4%.

UBM has reiterated its rejection of the terms of Norcross's £64m bid in response to Wednesday's official offer document for the builders' merchandising group. UBM's defence document is likely to clarify Norcross's criticism of past performance as meaningless in the light of the expected recovery this year. A profit forecast is unlikely at this stage, but could be made if Norcross increases its offer.

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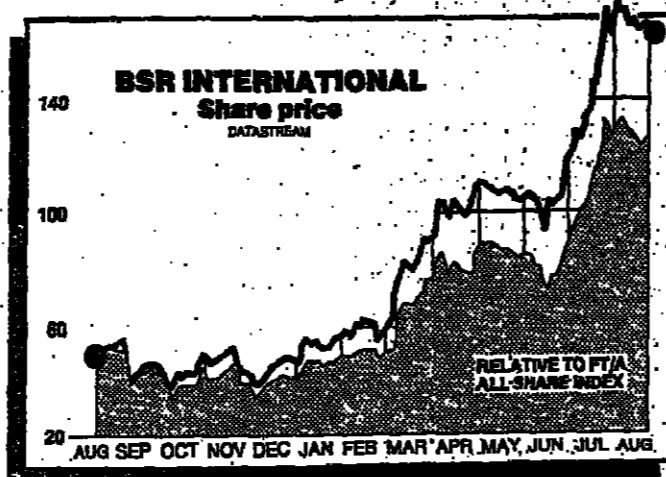
Capper-Neill welcomes CCC strength

Capper-Neill
Year to 31.3.83
Pre-tax profit £2.1m (profit £2.57m)
Turnover £85.4m (£108m)
Share price 18.5p

It is perhaps understandable that the directors of Capper-Neill should have been reluctant yesterday to explain the debacle which has befallen the company in the stewardship, but the shareholders deserved better. The uncertainty brought about the extraordinary turn of events was reflected in the share price, which initially rose 2p on the news to 19.5p before closing at 16.5p.

Two things are clear. The first is that Capper-Neill should be far stronger financially than for several years. The link with CCC, which effectively became the owner, will give access to the Middle Eastern markets which were part of Capper-Neill's problem. The cash injection, totalling £13m, and the replacement of part of the crippling overdraft by a £14m loan from the banks, will give all the breathing space for which the company can reasonably ask to carry it through a period of readjustment.

But the second point may be more important, given recent events. The existing board went, to all intents and purposes, to be entirely replaced, and the company will be run by directors who command CCC's support. Shareholders can be forgiven for feeling concern about a management which, after announcing an interim loss of only £700,000 in December and expressing its confidence in the company's long term prospects, reveals, barely six months later, extraordinary debits of more than £20m. Without the rescue by CCC and the banks, Capper-



The Bath and Portland Group

The Bath and Portland Group
Half-year to 30.4.83
Pre-tax profit £168,000 (£1.8m)
Stated earnings 0.34p (4.99p)
Turnover £42m (£41.8m)
Net interim dividend 2.5p (2.5p)
Share price 114p, up 11p
Dividend payable 24.9.83

Neil would have been hard pressed to continue trading. For the moment, therefore, shareholders and employees can rest a little easier. Doubtless the banks still smarting from criticism about their handling of Stone Plant, will feel that they have done their bit to keep an important part of British industry alive. It may well be that there was little choice, given the disastrous composition of the balance sheet, but they should be allowed credit for helping to bail Capper-Neill out.

What the long term holds, however, remains obscure. Capper-Neill says that CCC is expanding its mechanical construction operations, so there will presumably be a part for Capper-Neill to play in that development. Capper Pipe Service has been a sound business and will probably continue.

But the major questions are about the future of the process plant engineering, an important and prestigious part of the company, and of the manufacturing side.

BSR Int

BSR International
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pre-tax profit £2.2m (£1.8m)
Stated earnings 3p (1.7p loss)
Turnover £121.1m (£102.2m)
Net interim dividend 0.5p (nil)
Share price 178p up 10p.

Those investors who stayed with BSR International during its make-or-buy capital reconstruction this year can look forward at last to a resumption of dividends and profits.

Yesterday the shares rose 10p to 178p on news that BSR had returned pre-tax profits of £5.2m

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for the six months to June 30, against losses of £1.8m at the same stage last year. The share price was further strengthened by the drop in short-term debt from £42m to £2.8m, and in total group debt from £107m to £78m.

The British side should return trading profits by the end of the year after interim losses of £800,000 and total losses last year of £1.5m.

Investors must now look for growth from BSR's high technology, audio, computer and electronics business in the Far East and US to make up for the lack of British profits.

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much, leaving B&P to shoulder enormous overheads. LTA is paying £500,000 for net assets of just over £200,000, which will probably be adjusted down at the year end to take account of the division's present losses.

B&P is expanding its instrumentation division by buying a Dutch instrumentation company for £1.3m cash. It is also investing heavily in its traditional quarrying business.

B&P has certainly bitten the bullet hard. But, ironically the absence of the civil engineering millstone could arouse interest among predators attracted by its mineral reserves. If it comes to a fight, who better to defend it than a former head of the takeover Panel?

Morgan Guaranty is to issue American Depository Receipts in Boots from next week. The US Bank has bought a small amount of stock through London brokers for this purpose but it is not yet sure how many it will issue.

More selective American buying of overseas stocks can be expected.

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE		LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL		LONDON COMMODITY PRICES	
COPPER	127.50-127.50	STANDARD GATHODES	104.00-104.00	WHEAT	108.00-108.00
ZINC	109.50-109.50	ALUMINIUM	117.00-117.00	BARLEY	108.00-108.00
NICKEL	127.50-127.50	LEAD	117.00-117.00	GAS OIL	108.00-108.00
STEEL	109.50-109.50	TIN	117.00-117.00	COAL	108.00-108.00
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Dale cuts losses and boosts dividend

Dale Electric International
Year to 1.5.83
Pre-tax profit £1.93m (£1.09m)
Stated earnings 9.84p (6.77p)
Turnover £38.3m (£31.4m)
Net dividend 4p (3p)
Share price yield 13.14
Dividend payable

During the year Dale also sold W. E. Conyers to BKB for £70,000. The company lost money in seven of the nine years it was part of Dale - £150,000 last year.

Dale holds 49 per cent of Otomotores Dale in Mexico. This operation lost £52,000 due to the massive devaluation in Mexico and currency fluctuations.

The order book shows enough orders for six months' production and turnover has risen from £31.4m to £38.3m.

WALL STREET

Company	Price	Change
AMT	100.00	+0.25
AT&T	100.00	+0.12
IBM	100.00	+0.15
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Company	Price	Change	Company	Price	Change	Company	Price	Change
Amalgamated Bank Trust	100.00	+0.10
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APPOINTMENTS

Change at Midland

Midland Bank Mr Hugh O'Brien, group treasurer, Thomas Cook, is to be assistant general manager (financing operations).

The British Overseas and Commonwealth Banks' Association: Mr Peter Weller, general manager of Standard Chartered Bank, has been elected deputy chairman. Mr G. T. Watson has been appointed honorary secretary.

Smn Alliance Insurance Group: Mr J. Rochelle, manager, computer department, is to be group computer manager of management services and planning division. Mr E. G. Coward is now group commercial underwriting manager with responsibility for home division commercial underwriting and overseas division international underwriting.

Hawker Siddeley Group: Mr S. D. Goward has joined the board of Brook Control Gear as director and general manager. Mr J. L. Fleming has been appointed to the board of Crompton Instruments (South East Asia), as director and general manager.

Supra Sureparts: Mr A. A. Long has become managing director.

Enakilda Securities: Mr William Tyne is joining the board with special responsibility for the company's capital markets activities in the US. He will be based in London.

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Base Lending Rates

Table listing lending rates for various banks: ABN Bank (9 1/2%), Barclays (9 1/2%), BCCI (9 1/2%), Citibank Savings (10%), Consolidated Crds (9 1/2%), C. Hoare & Co (9 1/2%), Lloyds Bank (9 1/2%), Midland Bank (9 1/2%), Nat Westminster (9 1/2%), TSB (9 1/2%), Williams & Glyn's (9 1/2%).

7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6% £10,000 up to £250,000, 7% £250,000 and over, 8%.

Marketing and advertising: Torin Douglas

How the building societies have forgotten about profitability

Of all the areas of business which have discovered marketing in recent years, few have embraced it with more enthusiasm than the building societies.

Heavy television advertising campaigns, wave after wave of "new products" in the form of higher-interest accounts aimed at different groups of savers, and the use of popular children's characters such as Mickey Mouse and Paddington Bear all testify to the eagerness with which the hitherto staid and slow societies have taken on board the lessons of the cornflake and soap powder companies.

Despite recent problems, the change of approach and huge increase in marketing expenditure (£44m on advertising last year, compared with £4m ten years ago) seems at first sight to have been amply justified. Last year the building societies recorded the highest net receipts in their history and all but one of the top ten societies, which tend to be the biggest spenders, increased their assets by 17 per cent or more.

"Perhaps that suggests that societies' marketing strategies were highly successful," says one building society executive, Mr Richard Lacy, and most executives might agree. "I believe that is a very naive view of our industry's performance," he adds.

"Many societies seem to me to have spent much of the last two years raising extra funds at the highest cost, advertising premium-rate accounts and transferring a huge volume of profitable share account funds. This, to me, is not carefully planned marketing - it is the strategy of growth at all costs."

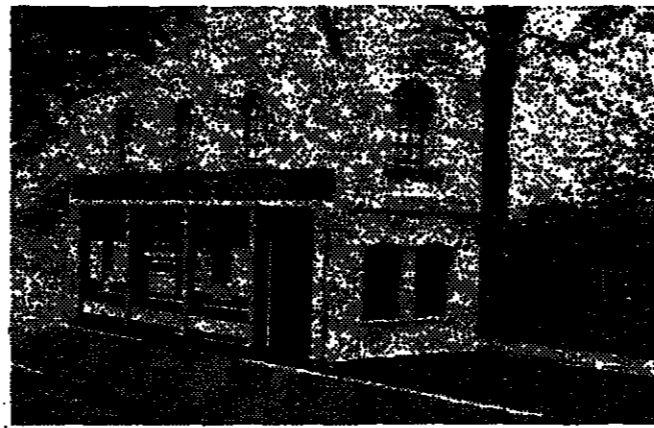
Mr Lacy is not against building societies spending heavily on advertising and marketing. Indeed, as general manager in charge of marketing at the Leicester Building Society, he has spent as much as most on television commercials and launch of new schemes, most notably the Leicestercard and a tie-up with National Girobank that has given the society 20,000 new Post Office outlets. The Leicester was the 10th biggest society last year, with assets of £2,060m.

His concern is that most societies have lost sight of the need for profitability in the race for growth and market share. In this, they are no different from some consumer marketing

BUILDING SOCIETY ADVERTISING 1981/82

(£'000s as measured by Meas, "broad" rate card)

Table showing advertising spend and TV % for various building societies in 1981 and 1982. Societies include Halifax, Abbey National, Leeds Permanent, Bradford & Bingley, Nationwide, Anglia, Woolwich, Leicester Alliance, and Provincial.



On the road: touring building society in TV commercial

companies. But what makes building societies a special case is the fact that they are not in business to make a profit. The temptation, therefore, to spend heavily - on image-building advertising and premium interest rates to savers - is unchecked by normal considerations of cost efficiency.

"Many societies have competed on price, and price alone, no matter what the cost," says Mr Lacy. "In both the short and, more importantly, longer term, most societies' cost of funds - the average rate they pay to all their investors - has risen significantly.

"Almost the only reaction to the challenge we have faced for personal savings has been to pay more to investors", often squeezing lending margins.

Even though building societies do not need to make a profit, Mr Lacy points out, they must still provide a margin between investors' and borrowers' rates which, after expenses and taxation, is sufficient to maintain adequate reserves. "What we are talking about is commercial sense and social responsibility - the ability to provide a mortgage at least cost, and the way to do this is to raise investment at least cost."

The Leicester's marketing strategy over the past two years has been highly successful in these terms. For though the Leicester increased its assets by only 13.5 per cent last year, compared with the 17 per cent and more growth of the other top societies, it topped the league in terms of raising its funds at the lowest cost.

"The Leicester's average cost of funds was lower than all the others in the top ten last year and in 1983, we have reduced that cost even further," says Mr Lacy. This has been achieved by

holders - and the other was the link-up with National Girobank.

The Leicestercard was devised by Mr Lacy and his newly-appointed advertising agency, Wight Collins Rutherford Scott.

According to Mr Robin Wight, the agency chairman: "Research showed us that there was no great difference in the minds of the public between the Leicester and other societies, so we developed the Leicestercard as a 'separator', to distinguish.

The Leicestercard offers share-account holders cheque book accounts and personal loans, together with discounts on a wide range of goods and services.

The launch, in February last year, received great publicity even before the first advertising positioning the Leicester as the "forester" - began. "In the space of 10 months, we received applications for 125,000 Leicestercards," says Mr Lacy. "We have now had more than 200,000 and by the end of the year it will be 300,000."

In the month after the launch, the Leicester opened a record number of accounts and the growth has continued.

Yet the fact remains that the other big societies drew in deeper faster last year by their credit method of offering interest premiums. The Leicester now seems likely to hedge its bets and follow the other societies' tactics in addition to its own marketing efforts.

The five biggest societies are to offer a 1 1/2 per cent differential over basic share rate from September 1, and Mr Lacy believes that Leicester has at least built a stronger springboard from which to challenge them on their own terms. An announcement is possible within the week.

DEREK CROUCH

Interim Report for the Half Year to 30th June, 1983

Table showing financial data for Derek Crouch PLC for 1983 and 1982. Columns include Turnover, Earnings before Tax and Interest, Interest Payable, Earnings before Tax, Earnings after all Charges and Taxation, Dividends, and Earnings per Share.

Congest mining in the U.K. is still profitable, but at a reduced level due principally to the continuing restrictions being placed on output over and above contractual amounts.

In the U.S.A., coal markets are also suffering from the world surplus and Power Inc., the company set up in the U.S.A. five years ago, incurred a loss after interest.

Derek Crouch has now taken complete control of Power Inc. with effect from 18th July by buying out, for a nominal sum, the 40% minority interest held by the two American fuel distribution firms who partnered Derek Crouch in setting up the venture in 1978. The principal asset of Power Inc. is some 20,000 acres of coal-bearing land in central Pennsylvania with reserves of approximately 20 million tons of coal immediately available for strip mining. A £1.75m. washing plant was commissioned by Power Inc. last year to upgrade the quality of the output and open the way to improved outlets and prices and as a result of the improvement of quality Power Inc., has maintained its share of a highly competitive market.

The Board believes that, although the coal market in the U.S.A., as in other countries, is soft at the moment, the longer term prospects are good. Further investment was required to take advantage of future opportunities and the minority partners were unable to go along this road as a result they agreed to sell their interests in Power Inc., to Derek Crouch. They will, however, continue to act as selling agents for Power Inc. although not on an exclusive basis. The Board believes that the consolidation of Derek Crouch's U.S. interest will bring benefits in the longer term.

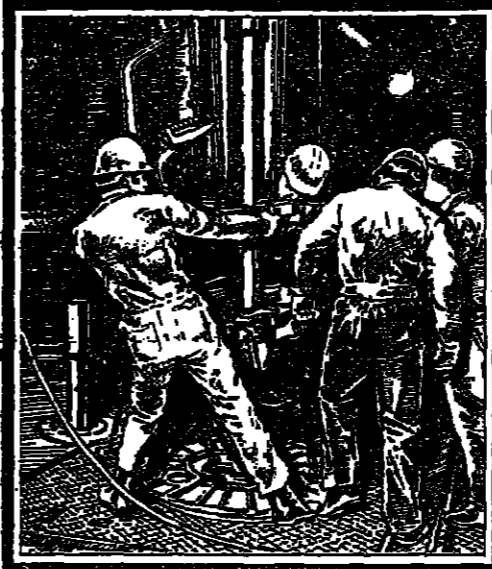
On the construction side, the Company is continuing its search for more opportunities in private development areas, reducing total reliance on work in the public sector. Claims and final accounts are still proving extremely difficult to progress and finalise. Claims are only taken into account when agreed. As yet, there are no signs of an upturn in the construction industry.

The Directors of Derek Crouch intend to pay a maintained interim dividend of 1.83p which will be payable on 28th October, 1983.

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Drillers at work on the first oil operated Beatrice 'A' Platform.

Britoil's first interim results - a successful period

Table showing financial data for Britoil for the first six months of 1983 compared with 1982. Columns include Consolidated Profit and Loss Account, Turnover, Operating profit, Net Interest payable, Profit on ordinary activities before taxation, Taxation, Profit on ordinary activities after taxation before extraordinary item, Extraordinary item, Profit for the financial period, Dividends payable, Amount set aside to reserves, Earnings per share, Funds generated from operations less tax paid, and Additions to fixed assets.

Review of Activities

Britoil's equity production for the six months to 30 June 1983 remained steady at around 148,000 barrels of oil per day. During the period, the Company re-affirmed its position as the most active explorer on the United Kingdom Continental Shelf. Of the 35 exploration wells drilled in the period, Britoil was involved in 12 of them - 5 as operator and 7 as a venture partner.

Also during the first six months, an application was made to the Government to develop the North Sea's first condensate field, North Brae, in which Britoil has a 20% interest. In addition, the Board agreed to support an application to develop the Victor gas field in which Britoil has a 25% interest.

In the International arena, the Company recently formed, as operator, a bidding group which will apply for Danish acreage later this year. Also, an agreement was concluded which gives Britoil its first venture in the United States and which provides access to a range of on-shore exploration and development acreage. As a result, the Company now has acreage in five overseas countries. In one of these areas, Dubai, development work commenced on the first phase of the Margham condensate field in which Britoil has a one-third interest.

Results: Operating profit for the six months to 30 June 1983 amounted to £287.2 million. The turnover of £568.8 million reflects an average daily oil production of 147,900 barrels (146,800 in 1982) whilst the deterioration in the dollar, sterling exchange rate, which more than compensated for the fall in the dollar oil price early in 1983, raised the average sterling realisation per barrel to £19.83 (£19.13 in 1982).

Dividends: As indicated at the time of the Offer for Sale, the Directors intend to pay an interim dividend of 3.3p per share. Payment will be made on 14 October 1983 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 15 September 1983.

For a copy of the full interim report please complete and return the coupon to the Company Secretary, Britoil plc, 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5JL. Existing shareholders will receive the report shortly.

Form for requesting the full interim report, including fields for Name and Address.

Note: No comparison has been made with the six months ended 30 June 1982 since during that period the business was wholly under the control of The British National Oil Corporation and figures, prepared on a basis comparable with that used for the six months ended 30 June 1983, are not available. Future interim reports will include a comparison with the same period of the previous year.



SUMMARY OF INTERIM RESULTS

Table showing interim results for BSR International PLC for the first six months of 1983 and 1982. Columns include Turnover, Operating Profit, Profit before Taxation, Profit after Taxation, and Earnings per Share.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FIRST SIX MONTHS

- List of key achievements and financial highlights for BSR International PLC, including: Group restructuring well advanced opening the way to a strong turnaround in trading performance; Group Sales up 19% over first half of 1982; Successful Rights Issue and placement of new shares in April raised £24.2m. net of expenses; Balance Sheet strengthened during the half year; Group has diversified further from former traditional business and is now predominantly engaged in the development and manufacturing of high technology electronic components; Continuing improvement and strong profit growth forecast for second half; Restoration of interim Dividend; Tax residence of parent company successfully moved to Hong Kong.

BSR INTERNATIONAL PLC

To obtain copies of the full interim report, please write to: The Secretary, BSR International PLC, High Street, Wollaston, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 4QG, England.

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Edited by Peter Davalle

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tv-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain: with Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 8.55.

ITV LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines. Followed by Sesame Street: Easy way to learning about life.



Veronica Lake, Fredric March: Married a Witch (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

CHOICE

It's an ill wind, all right, that blows from East to West and one has to look very hard to find it blowing anybody any good.

CHOICE

other seriously damaged: both legs and wrist broken. For eight days, his life hangs by a thread as operation succeeds operation.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University (until 8.10) The Exam: 6.30 Organic Chemistry: 6.55 Light bulb

CHANNEL 4

5.30 In Search of Paradise: The Great Gardens series continues with an examination of two opposites, lebanon

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing. 6.30 Farming Today. 6.55 Shipping. 7.00 The Six O'clock News.

Radio 1

1.00 News. 1.05 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts from all over the world.

Radio 2

8.00 News on the hour every hour (except 8.00 am and 8.00 pm) Major Bulletins: 7.00 am, 8.00, 1.00 pm and 5.00.

Radio 3

6.56 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert: Part 1: Vaughan Williams (Contra

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Steel gives an ultimatum on party manifesto

By Our Political Staff

Mr David Steel has made clear to his fellow MPs that should he be stripped of authority over the contents of the Liberal Party election manifesto he would find it impossible to continue as leader of the party.

Alliance 'real threat'

Continued from page 1 opposition because it was the easier party to beat. I thought she was trying to cling to Labour because she was sure she could always beat them.

Krakatoa volcano disaster 100 years ago today



Spectacular present-day photographs show the volcano between Java and Sumatra is still active a century after it erupted killing 36,000 people. The explosion was heard 3,000 miles away and meteorological effects could be seen in Britain.

Zia may open talks with parties

From Michael Hamlyn, Karachi

Speculation was rife in Karachi last night that the martial law regime of President Zia ul-Haq has decided to open talks with the political parties about the future of the country's democracy.

Detained leaders moved out of Karachi

The statement concludes: 'Arise, arise and join the caravan of the people. Arise, arise and free your imprisoned brethren. Arise, arise and free yourselves from the chains of exploitation and repression.'

The appeal urges Sindhis to continue and intensify the struggle, but it is principally aimed at the inhabitants of Punjab, Pakistan's most influential province.

Mitterrand ready to fight Chad rebels

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France would not interfere directly in the civil war between President Habré and Mr Goukouni Oueddei, leader of the Libyan-backed rebels. It had nothing against Mr Oueddei except that in inviting the Libyans to intervene, he has provoked the internationalization of the conflict.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

- New exhibitions: Wish you were here - Nottingham artists at the seaside, Castle Museum, the Castle, Nottingham, Mon to Sun 10 to 5.45. (Closes Sept 25).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,218

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers in the starting squares. The grid is 15 squares wide and 15 squares high.

- ACROSS: 1 Was it form-filling that sent him mad? (15,4).
- 2 But grandia was no breaker of tables (5).
- 3 Act revised to include nude entertainment (7).
- 4 Young devil pops in to beat one of the drums (7).
- 5 What a new school needs to get to be progressive? (5).
- 6 In Crimman mix-up I'm exceedingly gloomy (9).
- 7 A little sun fish (3).
- 8 Rainbow trout so amused to be thus made monocromic? (7,4).
- 9 Critic of Wordsworth as sonneteer seen in the Abbey? (15,6).
- 10 Filer in a cat-fight (3).
- 11 Stop in, in tricky event, without hesitation (9).
- 12 One's returned in state - hence Columbus (5).
- 13 Bordered on being an object of ridicule to newsmen? (7).
- 14 Sounds like landlord's table inside the ship (7).
- 15 Pass on and leave a holy man in California (5).
- 16 Temperamental Muppet was so obstinate! (9).

Food prices

Supplies of fresh herring seem to have been unaffected by the EEC dispute over North Sea quotas and the consequent ban on fishing by certain countries, including Britain.

The pound

Table with columns: Bank, Buy, Sell, Rate. Includes entries for Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA, Yugoslavia.

Warning off

Have you warned your children lately not to go with strangers? The Central Office of Information has issued a timely memorandum on the subject. It emphasizes that the subject never accept sweets or go off anywhere with strangers, no matter how kind the person may appear to be.

New transmitter

Channel 4 will increase its potential viewing figures in the South-East by 300,000 from today when the Darvel television transmitting station opens.

Anniversaries

Births: Sir Robert Walpole, 1st earl of Orford, statesman. Houghton Hall, Norfolk, 1676; Joseph-Michel Montgolfier, 1740; Antoine-Laurent Lavoisier, scientist, Paris, 1743; Albert, Prince Consort of Queen Victoria, Coburg, Germany, 1819; John Buchan, 1st Baron Tweeddale, author, novelist and governor general, 1875; Frank Harris, writer, Nice, 1921. The Romanovs led by Julius Caesar invaded Britain 55BC. Edward III defeated the French at Crécy, 1346.

Roads

London and South-east: A406: Delays on Aylesford Road (North Circular Road) Edmonton, A23: Delays on Brighton road near Hickstead show ground. A4, A33, A329: Heavy traffic in Reading town centre for road festival.

The papers

The Harare Herald, the state-owned Zimbabwe daily, said that the talks between Dr Perez de Cuellar, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and South African officials on the future of Namibia was "an indication of how seriously the world community views the situation."

Lighting-up time

London 8.20 pm to 5.34 am. Bristol 8.41 pm to 5.44 am. Edinburgh 8.54 pm to 5.38 am. Manchester 8.50 pm to 5.38 am. Newcastle 8.50 pm to 5.38 am.

Zoo guide

The Zoological Society of London has published a handsome new guide to the London Zoo at Regent's Park. The 20-page booklet is available from the Retail Department, London Zoo, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RY, or at the zoo. 75p (plus 35p p. & p.).

Weather

N and NW Scotland will be cloudy with some outbreaks of drizzle, and later in the day more widespread and persistent rain will spread from the W.

Around Britain

Table with columns: Location, Sun, Rain, Max, Min. Includes locations like St Andrews, Aberdeen, Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, etc.

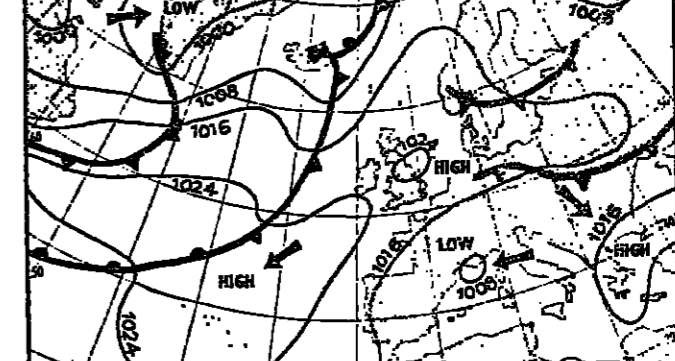
Yesterday

Table with columns: Location, Temp, Wind, Rain. Includes locations like London, Manchester, Birmingham, etc.

Highest and lowest

Highest day temp: Worthing, 27C (81F). Lowest day temp: Liverpool, 15C (59F). Highest night temp: Colchester, 12C (54F). Lowest night temp: London, 7C (45F).

High tides



Abroad

Table with columns: Location, Sun, Rain, Max, Min. Includes locations like Algiers, Alexandria, Athens, Beijing, etc.

Top films

- Top box-office films in London: 1 Outspaced, 2 Outspaced II, 3 Superman III, 4 The Meaning of Life, 5 The Meaning of Life, 6 The Meaning of Life, 7 The Meaning of Life, 8 The Meaning of Life, 9 The Meaning of Life, 10 The Meaning of Life.

Prize Crossword

Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow. Concise Crossword, Page 6.

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